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1. On 6 September 1951, the Alte Kaserne and the Neue Kaserne in Neustrelitz (N 5h/ U 5h) were only partially occupied. Most of the troops were away for field training. Vehicles observed at the two installations

* Treads of tanks were seen on the road leading to Neu-brandenburg via Penzlin, but no troops engaged in field training were noticed. **

2. The restricted Tiergarten area was occupied by an engineer unit which practiced with pontoons and three amphibious vehicles on Zierker Lake prior to 5 September. *** Gunfire was daily heard in Neustrelitz from the direction of Penzlin and Buergersee prior to 7 September. **

Comment. Reports on rail movements mentioned a train going from Neustrelitz to Juetterbog on 1 September and another train going to Luckenwalde on 5 September 1951. Rail movements of components of the Second Gds Meck Army to this area were repeatedly observed in July and August 1951.

** Comment. Field exercises involving components of the Second Gds Meck Army were probably conducted in the Penzlin-Neubrandenburg area in early September 1951. The movement of a train from Doberitz to Neustrelitz on 13 August 1951, which probably carried the 72d Hq Tank SP Regt of the 1st Meck Div, may have occurred at the time of the exercises. The partial occupation of the barracks installation, as stated in paragraph 1 of the present report, was therefore caused by these field exercises rather than by rail movements to the Juetterbog-Luckenwalde area.

Comment. Possibly headquarters engineer troops of the Fourth Gds Meck Army, because engineer troops, apparently with vehicles, departed from the restricted Tiergarten area on 11 July 1951. The 90th Gds Engr Bn of the 9th Tank Div is probably quartered in the Neue Kaserne.

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